

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone in our community; and,

Whereas, Our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and,

Whereas, The impact of abuse and neglect has long-term personal, economic and social costs; and,

Whereas, Northern Hills Area Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers are assigned by the court to advocate for a child's best interest and be a voice for that child in the courts; and,

Whereas, There were 35 Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers that spoke up for the best interest of 103 children in South Dakota's 4th Judicial Circuit last year; and,

Whereas, The Northern Hills Area CASA Program celebrates its 30-year anniversary of working to ensure children in our community have the opportunity to grow up in safe, loving permanent homes:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2016, as

NORTHERN HILLS AREA CASA DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State